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November 6, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR TERM EXTENSION OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS
CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE OF NORTH TORRANCE GRANTED TO
PARAGON COMMUNICATIONS, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AOL
TIME WARNER, INC., ORDINANCE NO. 84-0122F, AS AMENDED**

(SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 84-0122F, as amended, granting an extension of term for the Cable Television Franchise for the North Torrance unincorporated areas through December 31, 2003.
2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinance which implements the above recommendation.
3. Find this franchise extension is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section (e), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Paragon Communications, a wholly-owned subsidiary of AOL Time Warner Communications, Inc. ("Franchisee") currently provides cable service in the North Torrance unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Franchisee has requested a renewal of the subject cable television franchise which otherwise expires on December 31, 2002. The extension of the current franchise term through December 31, 2003 will allow Los Angeles County to negotiate the renewal of this franchise.

Implementation Of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommendation will assist in implementing the Department's Strategic Plan goals to place emphasis on service delivery and fiscal responsibility. This will ensure the continuation of revenue provided to the County by statute.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no cost to the County. This cable franchise generates revenue to the County. Section 622 (b) of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. '542 (b)), gives a local franchising authority, such as the County, the right to collect franchise fees of no more than five percent (5%) of total gross revenues collected by a cable television franchisee over a 12-month period. The County collects the maximum allowable fees and the extension of the cable television franchise will not affect the collection of these franchise fees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinance and approved it as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The extension of this cable television franchise is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

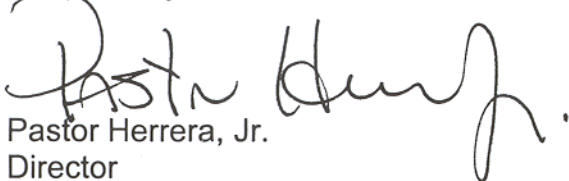
There will be no impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Ms. Kristy Hennessey, Vice President of Government and Public Affairs, Time Warner Communications, 303 West Palm Avenue, Orange, CA, 92866, County Counsel, the Department of Public Works, the Auditor-Controller, and the Department of Consumer Affairs, Cable Television Franchising Division of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


Pastor Herrera, Jr.
Director

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Attachment (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works
Internal Services Department

ANALYSIS

This ordinance extends through December 31, 2003, a franchise to operate a cable television system or systems and to provide cable television service in the North Torrance unincorporated areas, granted by Ordinance No. 84-0122F, as amended, to Paragon Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of AOL Time Warner, Inc.

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

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10/7/02 (Requested)
10/8/02 (Revised)

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance extending through December 31, 2003, a franchise to provide cable television service in the North Torrance unincorporated areas, granted to Paragon Communications, a wholly owned subsidiary of AOL Time Warner, Inc.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 84-0122F, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 53066 of the Government Code of the State of California, the right, privilege, and franchise is granted to Paragon Communications ("Franchisee"), through December 31, ~~2002~~ 2003, to construct, reconstruct, maintain, and to operate a Cable Television System (hereinafter called "System") in the unincorporated Services Areas of the County of Los Angeles, described in Section 2 below, and to construct, reconstruct, maintain, operate, renew, repair, and remove in these Service Areas radio and television signal transmission lines and cables and all appurtenances and/or service connections (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Facilities") which are necessary or convenient for the provision of a System. Said grant is subject to the faithful performance and observance by Franchisee of all the terms and conditions herein.

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